

A

REVIEW

OF THE

Affairs of *FRANCE*:

Purg'd from the Errors and Partiality of *News-Writers* and
Petty-Statesmen, of all Sides.

Tuesday, November 21. 1704.

NOW, I think, I am come to what, I confess, I have long'd for; were it only to satisfy the impatience of the World, who have given me no little Disturbance about this weighty Question, What's all this to the Title of your Paper, *a Review of the Affairs of France?*

Now I am come to the Connexion of the Affairs of *France*, with those of *Hungary*, and to prove, that an influence from these, has all along too much affected those.

I content my self with Abridging the *Hungarian* part of the Story, as much as possible, because 'tis the Concern *France* has in Affairs there, is the Principal Design now; and the long Digression I have made hitherto, has been chiefly to make way for this; and by the way, to undeceive the Readers, in the point of the Protestants being the chief or only Instrument in the *Hungarian* Revolt.

The People of *Hungary*, weary of the *Germans*, as I Noted in my last, had been Meditating Liberty and Revenge, and only waited for a Head, and an Occasion——The Imperialists, whether that they were sensible, more than Ordinary, of the just Reasons they had for it, or that they really had Intelligence among them, and Spies that gave Notice of all their Measures; made, or pretended to make a Discovery of a Plot in *Hungary*; and according to the Custom of that Court, immediately seiz'd

Prince *Ragocki*, Count *Forgatz*, and several others, as they call'd them, of the Principal Conspirators, and conveying them to several Prisons, proceeded against them with a severity usual in such Cases; several were Condemn'd, and some actually put to Death; as———— the Prince being among the former, and expecting every hour to come into the Number of the latter, found means to break Prison, and make his Escape, I think out of the Castle of *Presburg*; and having form'd his design too well to be intercepted, got first into *Poland*, where I shall leave him for a time, and bring the Affairs of *France* into the Scene.

This happen'd much about the time when, or soon after, the second War with *France* began, about the Succession of the Crown of *Spain*, and the breaking of the Treaty of Partition; for being upon the Generals of the War; I am not much concern'd, as to days of the Months, which you will find in the subsequent Part of the Relation.

The King of *France* found the weight of this War began to lie heavy upon him in *Italy*, where Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* led the best Army, which perhaps the *German* Empire ever brought into the Field, being the same Victorious Troops that had serv'd in *Hungary* against the *Turks*; and led by some of the greatest Generals of the Age.

Prince *Eugene*, a Fortunate and Enterprising General, had Worsted the *French*, even at their peculiar Talent, viz. That of Surprise; he had

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Defeated all the Precautions they had taken, to prevent his getting into *Italy*; he had render'd useless the prodigious Expence they had been at, to block up the Passage at *Rivoli*, and had found a way into the *Veronese*, which the *Venetians* themselves used to say, none but the Devil, or Prince *Eugene* could have pass'd — They had baulk'd the *French* again, at the Passage of the *Adige*, near *Verona*, and got over the River without fighting, which the *French* themselves thought impossible.

The *French* retreating before them, were surpriz'd and soundly Beaten at *Carpi*; and by a continued Series of Successes, the *Germans* push'd them out of the *Brescian*, the *Parmesan*, the *Modenese*, and part of *Cremonese* and *Mantuan*; the Parties of the *Germans* made frequent Excursions into the *Milanese*; Attack'd *Cremona* in the Night, and tho' beaten out of it again, made bold to carry with them the Duke de *Villeroi*, the *French* General, and left the *French* Affairs in the utmost Confusion.

The Emperor, to Compose this Gallant Army, may very well be supposed to have drawn his Garrisons in *Hungary*, and left the Towns there with much weaker Garrisons than usual: his Imperial Majesty had a great Army on Foot, upon the *Rhine*, and the King of the *Romans*, with Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, had push'd the *French* into the Palatinate, and out of it again; Besieg'd and Taken *Londau*, and all their Affairs seem'd to have a very good Aspect.

In Order to supply the Imperial Armies, the Emperor drain'd all *Hungaria*, *Austria*, and *Bohemia*, of Men; and 15000 Recruits we find at once, out of *Hungaria*, besides a draught of 5 Regiments more, and a new Levy of 6000 *Hussars*.

Never was a like Opportunity for the *Hungarians* to recover their Liberties; they found their Prince at Liberty, and to the utmost exasperated; they found their *German* Lords and Taskmasters, who Rul'd them with a Rod of Steel, Embarrass'd in Remote Wars, and their Engines, the Soldiers gone — Prince *Ragocki*, who had been in *Poland*, and had several Interviews, Incognito, with the *French* Ambassadors, which as it seems, the Papers of that Envoy, seiz'd by the King of *Poland*, discover'd; receiv'd 800000 Crowns from him, with Promises of further Supply, makes the best of his way into *Hungaria*; and as he found the People prepar'd,

and the Circumstances as above, presently appears in Arms, and Publishes his Declaration for Liberty and Property.

I need not acquaint the World of the Prodigious Successes of this Prince, 'tis enough to say, That he is Compleat Master of *Upper Hungary*, *Agria*, and *Great Warradin* excepted, and that his Troops have several times pass'd the *Danube*; that he has starv'd out the Garrisons of several Imperial Places, that he has routed the Imperial Troops on several occasions; that he has, as we are told from thence, 80000 Men in Arms; that he has Plundered and made Incursions into *Moravia* and *Austria*, within a League of *Vienna*; that he has brought the *Transylvanians* to Revolt, and caus'd them to acknowledge him Prince of that Country, as his Grandfather was before him.

That his Forces have twice ravag'd the *Lower Hungary*, taken several considerable Towns, and made the Inhabitants joyn with him; that he has debauch'd the *Croatsians*, and been very near gaining his Point with them; which if he had, he would have open'd a Communication *Via Carinthia* with the Elector of *Bavaria*, and consequently with *France*.

And this opens the way, at least to touch upon the Methods these *Malecontents* have taken to Support themselves.

Their Correspondence with the *French* by the way of *Poland*, is as plain, that it wants very little Demonstration, tho' I shall meet with occasion to confirm-it, past doubt, but that they had some other dependance, is also plain.

The very next Year after this Flame broke out in *Hungaria*, and the Emperor, who had the *French* on his Hands in his Front, had the *Hungarians* in his Rear, Insulting his Garrisons, and Ravaging even in sight of the Imperial Pallace: A worse Fire broke out in the very Bowels of the *German Empire*; The Elector of *Bavaria* seizes *Ulm*, *Memingen*, *Rempen*, and all their Dependences, joyns with the *French*, and Declares open War against the Emperor.

This Revolt, assist'd by the *French* with Powerful Armies, grew to that heighth, that notwithstanding the Elector was baulk'd in *Tirel*, yet he carried his Incursions into *Bohemia* and the *Lower Austria*; and in one Campaign more, we all expected him to be Crown'd Emperor, in the Pallace of *Vienna*.

ADVICE from the Scandal. CLUB.

THe Society having been Visited more than once, on Account of the whole Neighbourhood, not far from *Holborn*, could no longer refrain the Publication of the Case, and their Opinion of the Matter.

Gentlemen,

A Female of the largest size, living in a certain Court near *Holborn*, who goes for a *Maid*, and pretends to a Fortune of 7000*l.* tho' her Father was but a *L——n D——r*, and is now a *Com——n Fury-Man* at *Guild-Hall*) was lately invited to, and entertain'd at a *Justices House* in the Country, for about three Weeks, with all Civilities suitable to her pretended Fortune, and far above her Desert; yet since her return to *London*, she hath taken all Opportunities to Expose and Abuse the *Justices Family* (especially his Children) among his and her Acquaintance, making them the Common Subject of her Mirth and Raillery, and turning all that was said and done in his House, to Falshood and Ridicule: Ingratitude and Lying are her common, but not only Failings; for she is most industriously inquisitive, of all that passes among her Neighbours, employing most of her time at her Windows in watching all their Doors, and holding Correspondence with their Servants; and what she thus picks up, with her own Malitious Additions, she vents upon all occasions; which causes such disquiet to all about her, that (unless a remedy can be found) most of them resolve to leave the Neighbourhood; in short, she is a most proper Object for the Censure of your Society. And, Gentlemen, 'tis hop'd you may Advise a Method to silence or curb the Insolence of this Monster of a *Maid*; which is earnestly desired by, and will highly oblige the *Justices Family*, the Neighbours aforesaid, and particularly

Novem. 11.

Yours, &c.

The Society upon the Debate of this Matter, are of Opinion, the Character given this Lady if it be possible for her to deserve it, is such, as any Woman of Sense or Manners ought to part with all her Fortune, tho' it were really 7000*l.* to get rid of——

As to a Cure of the Distemper, they count it the Plague of Society, the Leprosie of Ill Manners; and think 'tis to be reckon'd, among the Incurables.

If the Neighbours please to accept of the humble Advice of the Author of this, who has had the Misfortune, to meet with some of the Unhappy People, Infected with the same disease. It is, first;

To Slight, Contemn, and Despise this Young *Bedlam*, as in Person, but especially in Manners, unfit for Society; and tho' I think, I need not Teach the Ladies how to Treat those they think fit to Despise; it may not be Impertinent to put 'em in the way, to make their Resentments look a little Ill-natur'd; which may be done, as follows.

1. When She Pays them any Visits, after having receiv'd her *Alamode*; they may please to withdraw; and send the Chamber-maid to Drink the *Tea* with her.

2. When the Visit is to be Repaid, they may please to send the Foot-Boy, to know when She gives Audience; and then the Cook-maid to go to pay the Compliment.

3. The Neighbourhood are desir'd to send her for a Present next New-Years-Day, a decent Ducking Stool, as a Jewel, fit for a common Disturber.

In short, all the Methods of Contempt, proper for one not qualified for Civility; and all the means to let her see it, that can be contriv'd, are the properest ways to take with such a Lady; and as for quitting the Neighbourhood, it is not worth their while, nor her Gossiping Intrigues worth their Notice; let her be Treated like a *Billinggate*, let the Footmen mention her Name, when they have occasion to F——t, and the Ladies smell to their Bottles, when they pass by her.

If these Methods have no Effect on her, upon a Re-application to the Society; they shall have farther, and more rigid Directions.

THe following Letter, gives a Gentleman's Character, which 'tis suppos'd, the Person that sent it does not believe; but since he desires the Societies Opinion, they are willing to oblige him as far as they can.

SIR;

NOT long since, I was in Company with a Gentleman, who affirm'd of himself, he never yet was afraid of any thing; even in the Time of

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Childhood, when that Passion was most predominant, nor ever since has he found the least effect thereof. I desire to know, if this can be True; if True, whether not a defect in human Nature: or bow ever your opinion of such fearless Gentlemen.

Before the Society enter into the opinion, of the Truth of Fact; they thought it necessary, the Gentleman should be ask'd, how he could tell, that he never fear'd in his Childhood; and his forgetting to fence against this provisional Objection, leaves the Reputation of his Assertion very Doubtful.

But supposing for once, this improbable Story True; then they infer,

1. If he never fear'd any Thing, he never fear'd God; and let him value himself upon that Character if he pleases.

2. To be without Fear, is to be without Sense; and consequently one of Solomon's Fools, whose contrary, *The Prudent Man, foreseeth the Evil and hideth himself*; and 'tis presum'd no Man hides himself, but he that fears the danger he shuns.

3. We take the Gentleman's Condition to be very dangerous, as to Casualties and Disasters, for he that has no Fear, will have no Caution; therefore 'tis worth 's per Cent. extraordinary to ensure his life.

4. They take the Notion to be grounded in Ignorance, Pride, and Mistake, and there they leave it.

The Reader is desired to excuse and correct the following Errors in our last; viz. Pag. 309. Lin. 5. from the bottom, after *and*, add *on*; ib. col. 2. l. 14. r. *The Memoirs*; p. 310. l. 12. r. *durst not*; ib. l. 16. dele *both*; ib. l. 27. *as r. was*; ib. l. 36. r. *for what concern'd*; ib. l. 48. r. N^o. 5. col. 2. l. 18. r. *Garrisons*; ib. l. 38. r. *hear*; ib. l. 41. after *present*, add (.) p. 311. col. 1. l. 5. after the Letter, r. *Judge of Propriety*; and like the.

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